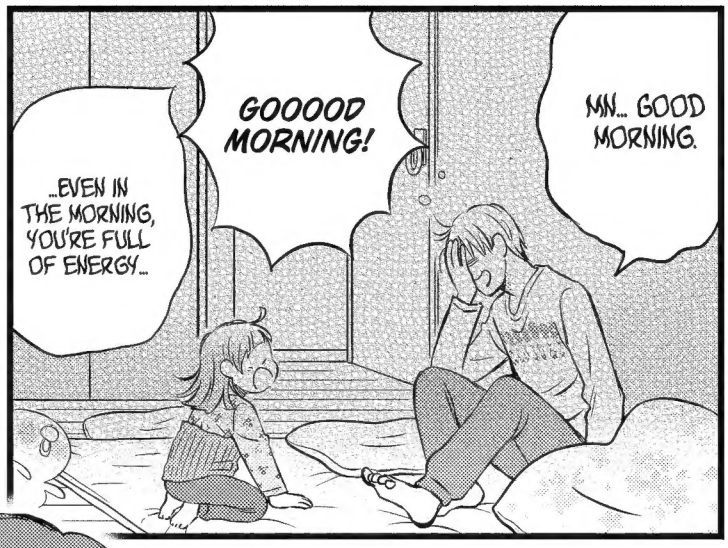
Chapter 83: The Kirishima Family

Creaaak...
NGH?

WAAAKE UUUUP!
Shake Shake
PAPA, IT'S MORNIIING! MORNIIING!

AHH...! MAMA IS STILL TIRED. JUST LET HER SLEEP...
MAMAAA!


...EVEN IN THE MORNING, YOU'RE FULL OF ENERGY...
GOOOOD MORNING!
MN... GOOD MORNING.

Fsshh...
GOOD MORNING!

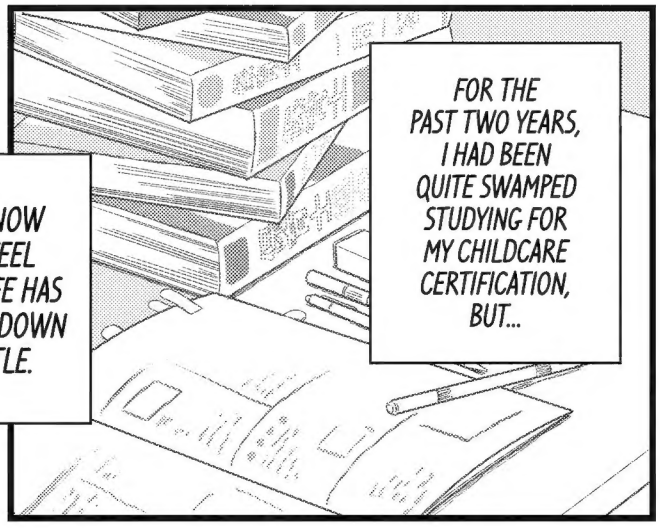
THAT'S RIGHT.
MAMA... NIGHT SHIFT!
...WAIT, WHEN DID YOU LEARN THOSE WORDS?
Tmp
Tmp

Brush
Brush
AWEE GOOIIIN TSHOO DEE DEEII CAAAE TOWAAY?!
...FINISH BRUSHING YOUR TEETH BEFORE YOU TALK.
MORNING, MIU! YOU'RE LIVELY EVEN IN THE MORNING, HUH?
MORNING, BIG BROOO...!
Glomp
C'MON. GO WASH YOUR FACE AND BRUSH YOUR TEETH.
YES, PLEASE... AND THANK YOU AS ALWAYS, JUN-KUN.
BREAKFAST IS READY.
'ANK YOU!
DO YOU WANT COFFEE, FATHER?
'ANK YOU!
THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD...

OH. FATHER, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF SUGAR.
SERIOUSLY? I'LL BUY SOME ON MY WAY HOME TODAY.
YUMMY!
YUMMY!
...MIU HAS BEEN SAYING "YUMMY! YUMMY!" A LOT LATELY. IS SHE IMITATING SOMEONE?
IT'S PROBABLY FROM THAT POPULAR ANIME, ISN'T IT?

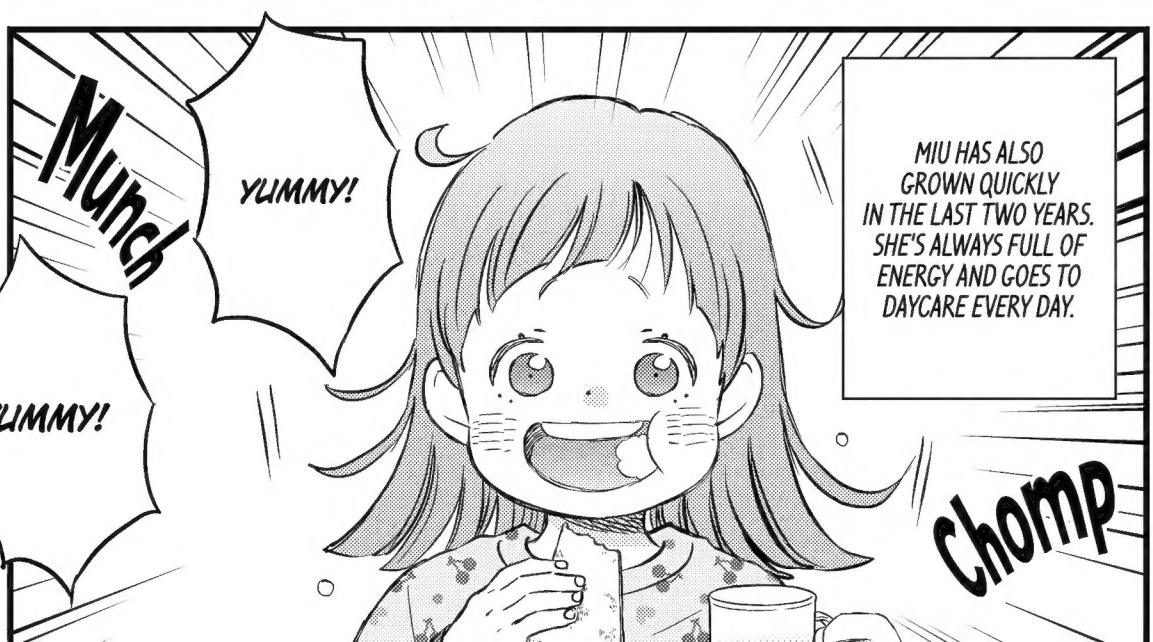
AN ANIME, HUH? I GUESS I HAVE TO CHECK IT OUT, TOO...
HELLO, DEAR READER. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
GOOD MORNING. THIS IS KIRISHIMA SHIROU.

I did iiiit!


FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, I HAD BEEN QUITE SWAMPED STUDYING FOR MY CHILDCARE CERTIFICATION, BUT...
ONLY NOW DO I FEEL THAT LIFE HAS CALMED DOWN A LITTLE.

AS FOR AI-SAN, SHE'S AS BUSY AS EVER. RIGHT NOW, SHE'S SLEEPING BECAUSE SHE WORKED THE NIGHT SHIFT.
ZZZ...
ZZZ...
SHE'LL MOST LIKELY WAKE UP ONLY AFTER EVERYONE HAS LEFT, AND THEN EAT THE BREAKFAST JUN-KUN PREPARED.

JUN-KUN IS NOW IN HIGH SCHOOL. HE'S ALWAYS VERY BUSY WITH HIS STUDIES AND CLUB ACTIVITIES...


MIU HAS ALSO GROWN QUICKLY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. SHE'S ALWAYS FULL OF ENERGY AND GOES TO DAYCARE EVERY DAY.
Munch
YUMMY!
YUMMY!
Chomp

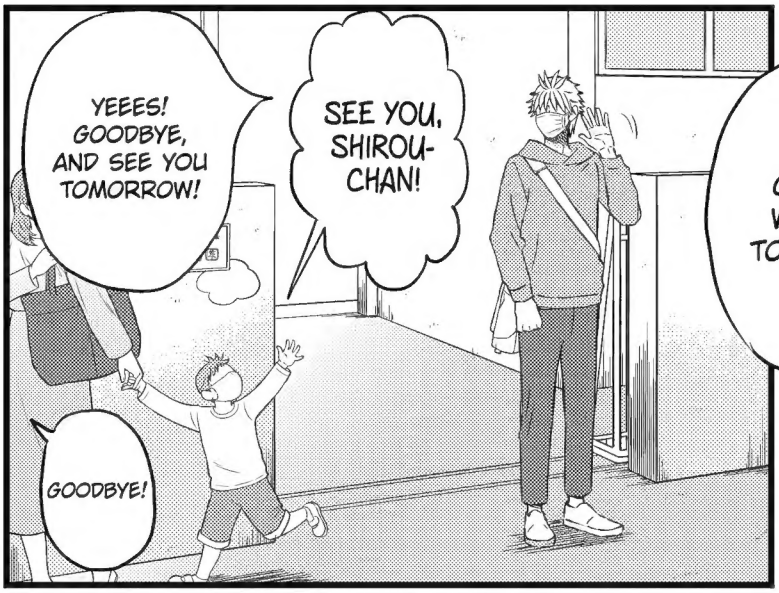
ALL RIGHT. IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO.
PLEASE TAKE MIU TO DAYCARE FOR ME, JUN-KUN.
I'LL PICK HER UP LATER.
ALSO, I'LL LEAVE TONIGHT TO YOU.
OKAAAY! HAVE A GOOD DAY.
SEE YOU LATER, PAPA!

...AND SO...
SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION
KAINBOW DAYCARE

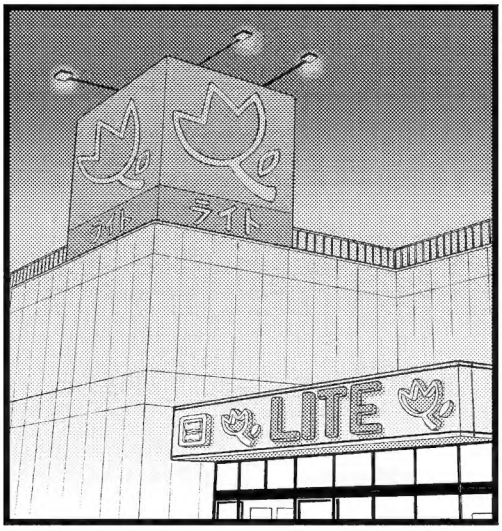
GOOD MORNIIIING!
HOOL TRIP
MEMORIES!

Yaaay!
Yay
Yay

I, KIRISHIMA SHIROU, AM NOW A ROOKIE CHILDCARE WORKER... THIS IS MY FIRST YEAR, AND I'VE BEEN DOING MY BEST.


YEEES! GOODBYE, AND SEE YOU TOMORROW!
SEE YOU, SHIROU-CHAN!
GOODBYE!

GOOD WORK TODAY...!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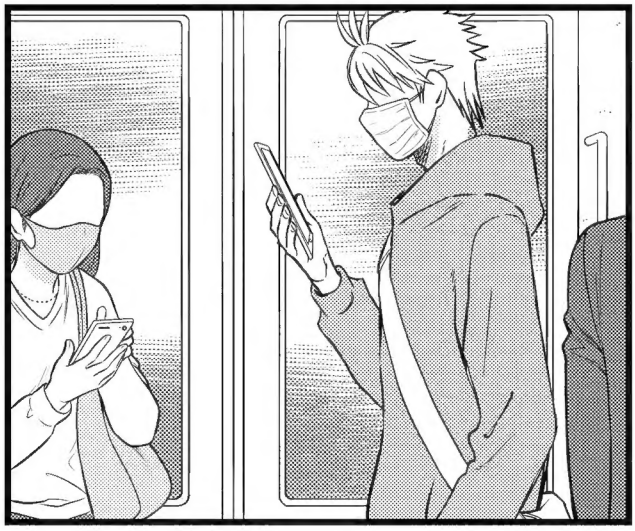
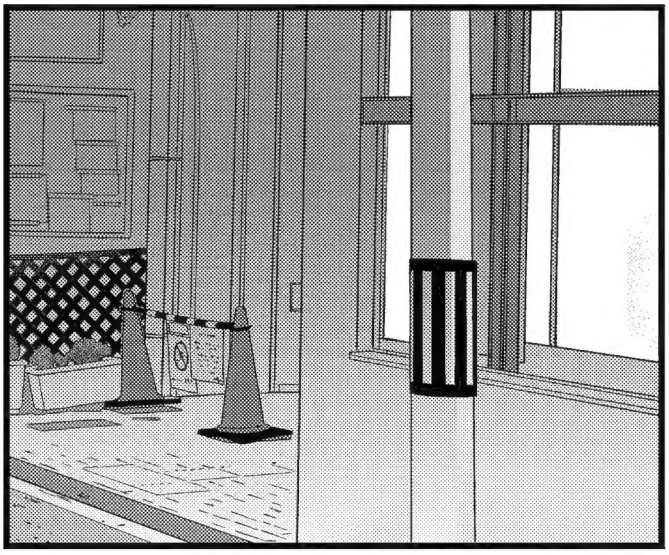
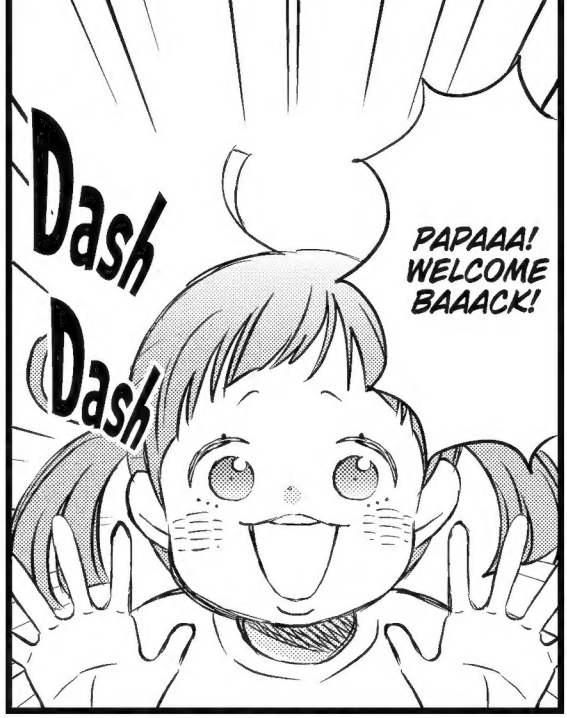




I'M BAAACK!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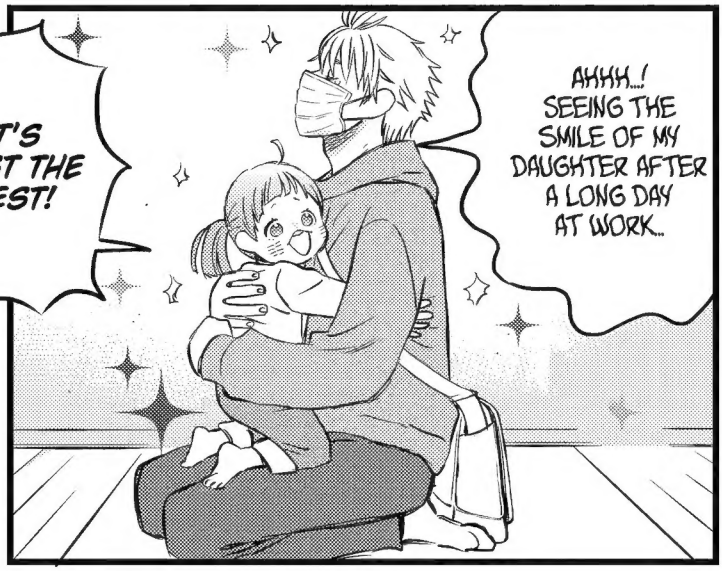
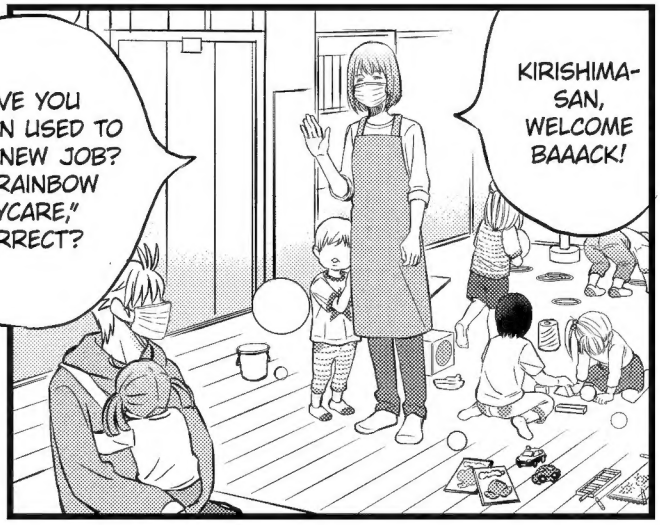
PAPAAA! WELCOME BAAACK!

THE ABSOLUTE BEST.
IT'S JUST THE BEST!
EEE HEE HEE!

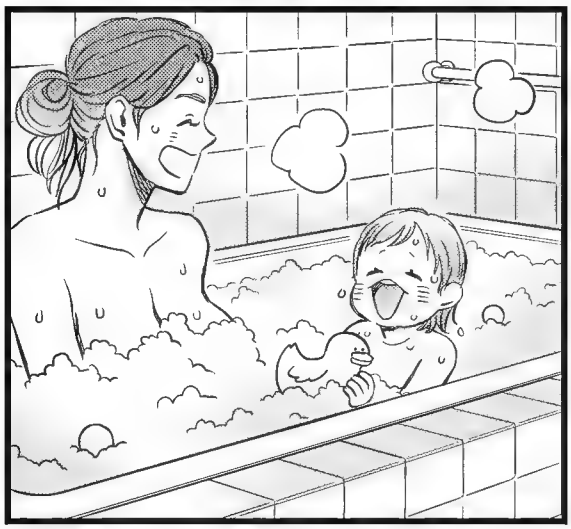

AHHH...! SEEING THE SMILE OF MY DAUGHTER AFTER A LONG DAY AT WORK...

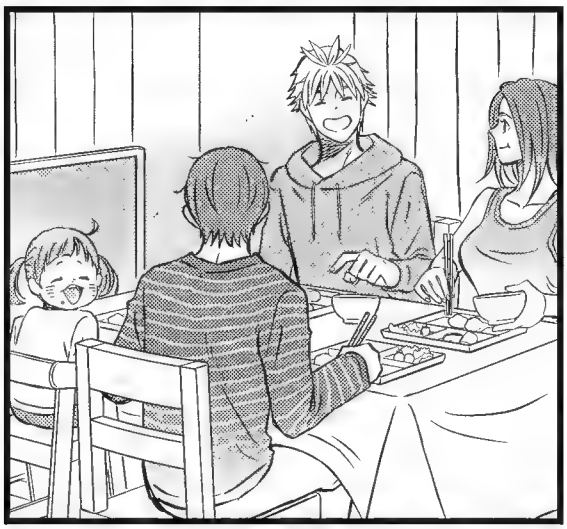
OH! YES! I'VE BEEN DOING MY BEST, ANYHOW.


HAVE YOU GOTTEN USED TO YOUR NEW JOB? AT "RAINBOW DAYCARE," CORRECT?
KIRISHIMA-SAN, WELCOME BAAACK!

IS MOM AWAKE YET?!
I WANNA TAKE A BATH WITH HER!
SHE'S AWAKE... TRY ASKING HER WHEN WE GET HOME.

YOU HAVE TO LOOK AFTER CHILDREN BOTH AT WORK AND AT HOME. AT LEAST UNTIL YOUR CHILDREN GET A LITTLE OLDER, IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE ALWAYS DOING YOUR JOB, DOESN'T IT?
OHH, ABSOLUTELY! I GUESS IT'S A COMMON SENTIMENT AMONG CHILDCARE WORKERS.
But I'm doing my best!!
TEE HEE!





GOOD NIIIIGHT!
GOOD NIGHT.
YEAH, GOOD NIGHT...

YAAAY! I WANNA SLEEP WITH BIG BRO!
MIU! HOW ABOUT SLEEPING WITH ME TODAY?
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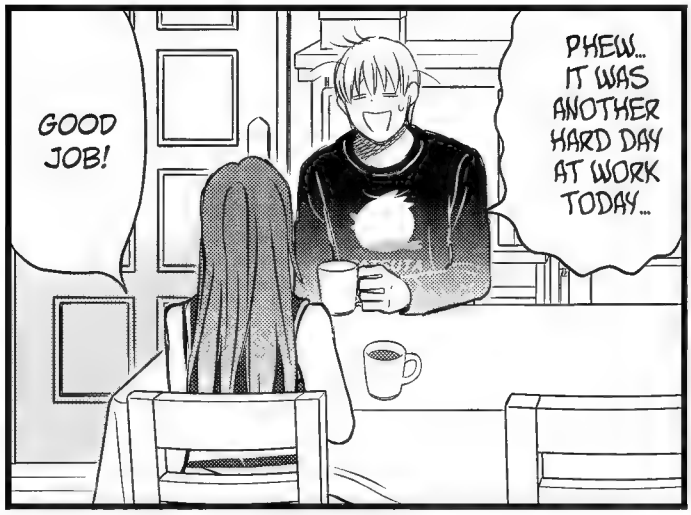
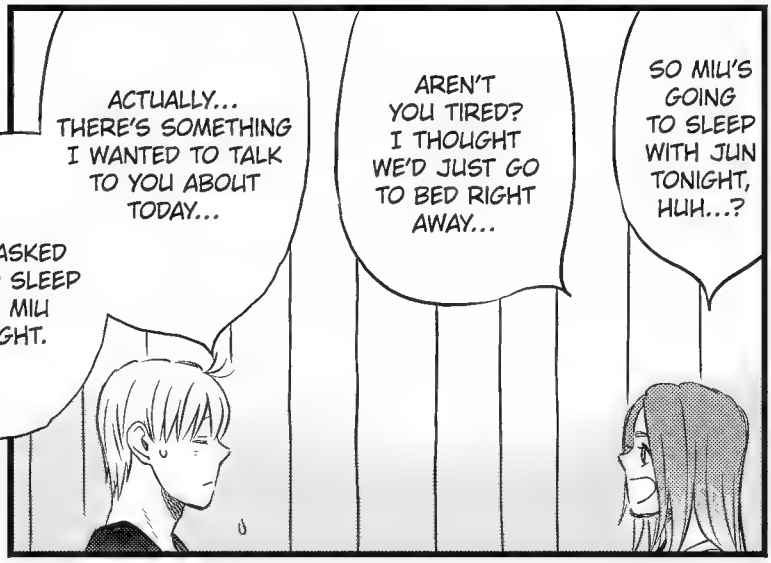
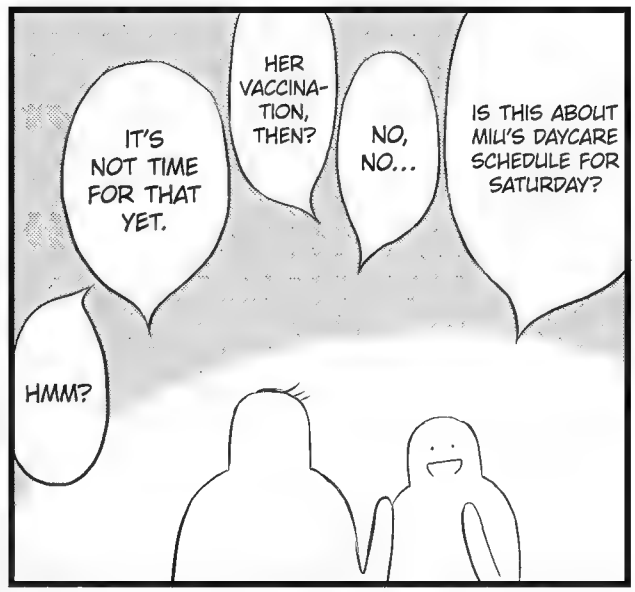
THANK YOU.


GOOD JOB!
PHEW... IT WAS ANOTHER HARD DAY AT WORK TODAY...

...HM? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?


ACTUALLY... THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT TODAY...
SO I ASKED JUN TO SLEEP WITH MIU TONIGHT.
AREN'T YOU TIRED? I THOUGHT WE'D JUST GO TO BED RIGHT AWAY...
SO MIU'S GOING TO SLEEP WITH JUN TONIGHT, HUH...?

WELL... IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DECIDE RIGHT AWAY.
IT'S NOT ABOUT OUR CHILDREN. IT'S ABOUT OURSELVES...


IS THIS ABOUT MIU'S DAYCARE SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY?
NO, NO...
HER VACCINATION, THEN?
IT'S NOT TIME FOR THAT YET.
HMM?

I'M FINALLY GETTING USED TO MY NEW LIFE. SO...

IT'S JUST THAT... I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO GET MY CHILDCARE CERTIFICATION AND A JOB...
AND IT'S BEEN ABOUT HALF A YEAR SINCE THEN, RIGHT?
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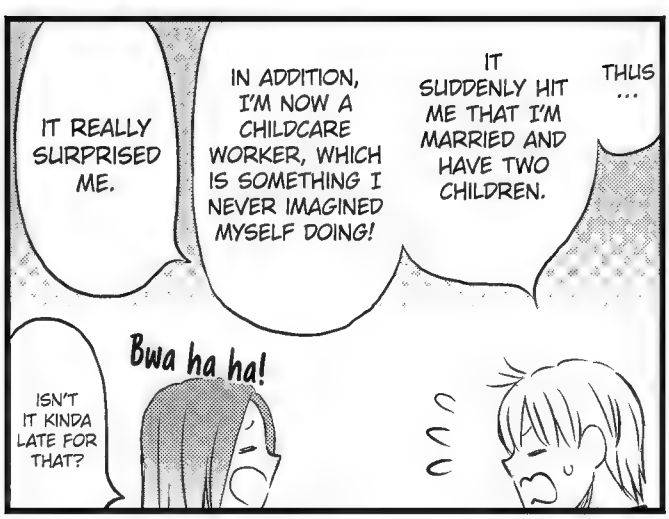
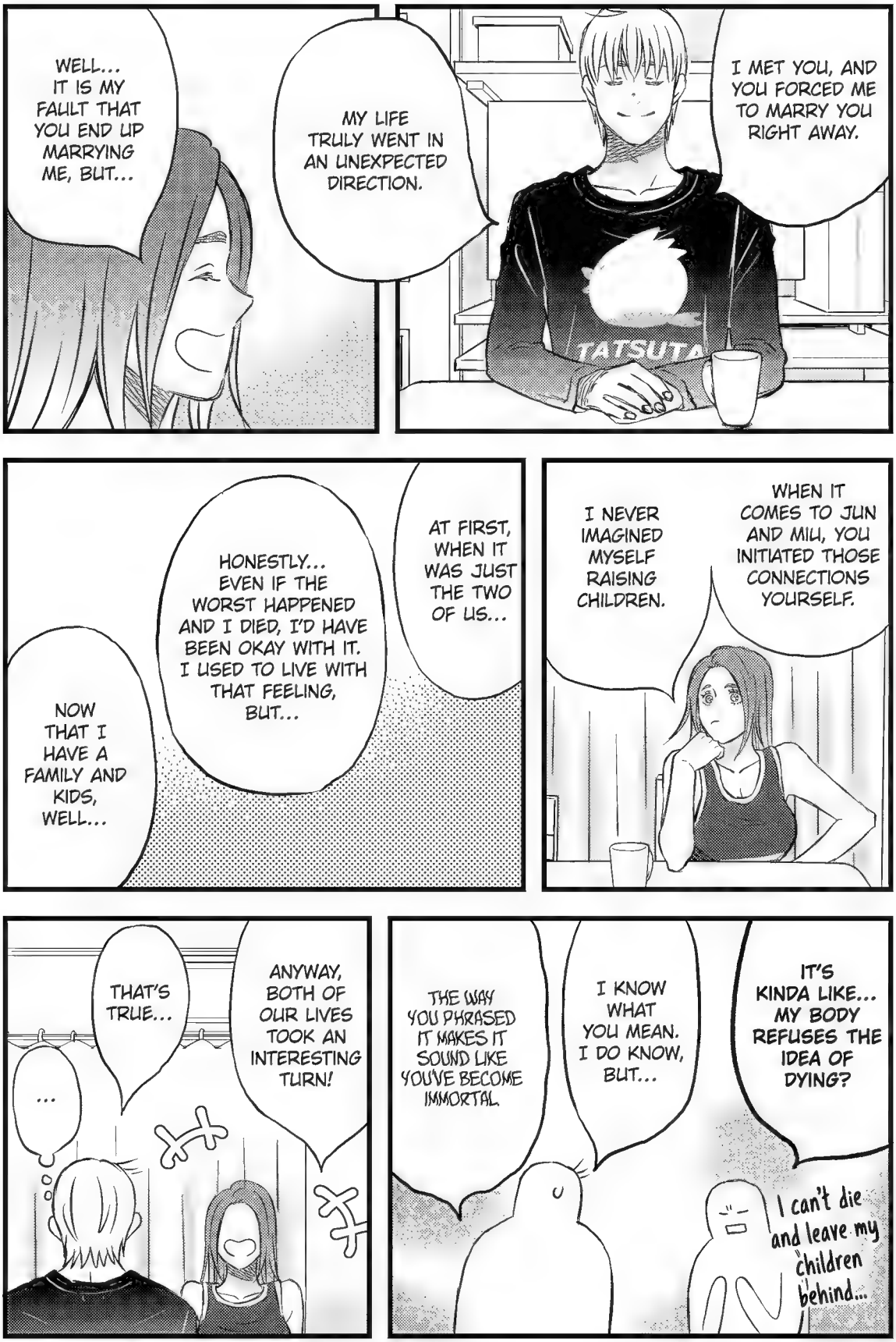
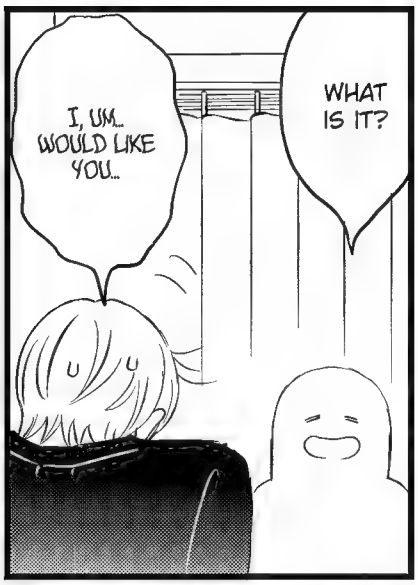
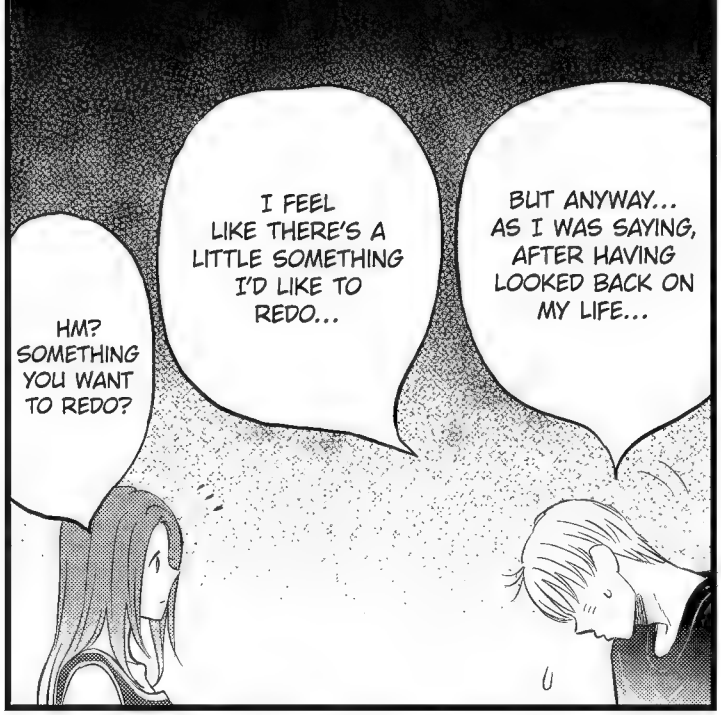
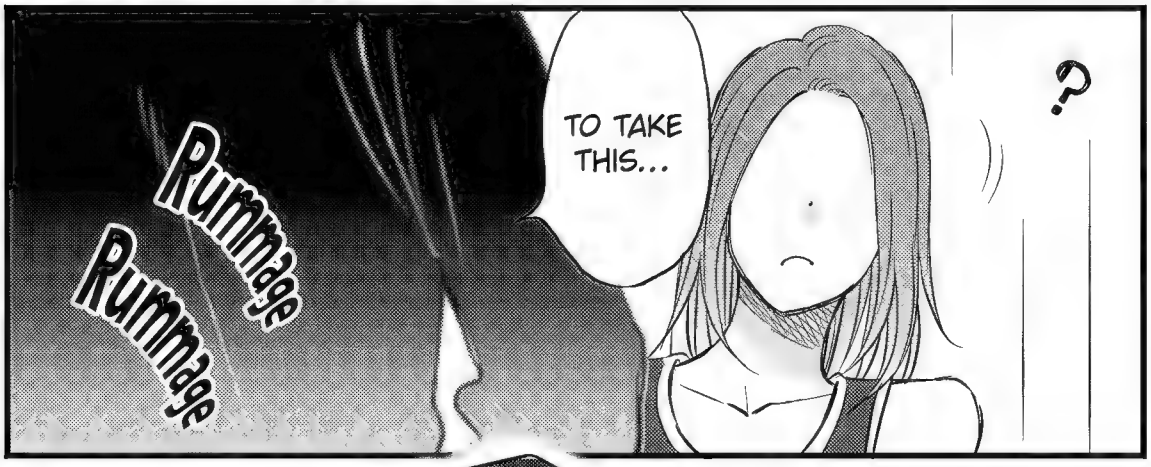

IT REALLY SURPRISED ME.
IN ADDITION, I'M NOW A CHILDCARE WORKER, WHICH IS SOMETHING I NEVER IMAGINED MYSELF DOING!
IT SUDDENLY HIT ME THAT I'M MARRIED AND HAVE TWO CHILDREN.
THUS ...
Bwa ha ha!
ISN'T IT KINDA LATE FOR THAT?

ONCE AGAIN, I WAS ABLE TO LOOK AT MYSELF CALMLY AND ASSESS MY SITUATION.
OKAY...


WELL... IT IS MY FAULT THAT YOU END UP MARRYING ME, BUT...
MY LIFE TRULY WENT IN AN UNEXPECTED DIRECTION.
I MET YOU, AND YOU FORCED ME TO MARRY YOU RIGHT AWAY.
TATSUTA
AT FIRST, WHEN IT WAS JUST THE TWO OF US...
HONESTLY... EVEN IF THE WORST HAPPENED AND I DIED, I'D HAVE BEEN OKAY WITH IT. I USED TO LIVE WITH THAT FEELING, BUT...
NOW THAT I HAVE A FAMILY AND KIDS, WELL...
I NEVER IMAGINED MYSELF RAISING CHILDREN.
WHEN IT COMES TO JUN AND MIU, YOU INITIATED THOSE CONNECTIONS YOURSELF.
ANYWAY, BOTH OF OUR LIVES TOOK AN INTERESTING TURN!
THAT'S TRUE...
...
THE WAY YOU PHRASED IT MAKES IT SOUND LIKE YOU'VE BECOME IMMORTAL.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I DO KNOW, BUT...
IT'S KINDA LIKE... MY BODY REFUSES THE IDEA OF DYING?
I can't die and leave my children behind...


I, UM... WOULD LIKE YOU...
WHAT IS IT?


HM? SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REDO?
I FEEL LIKE THERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO REDO...
BUT ANYWAY... AS I WAS SAYING, AFTER HAVING LOOKED BACK ON MY LIFE...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TO TAKE THIS...
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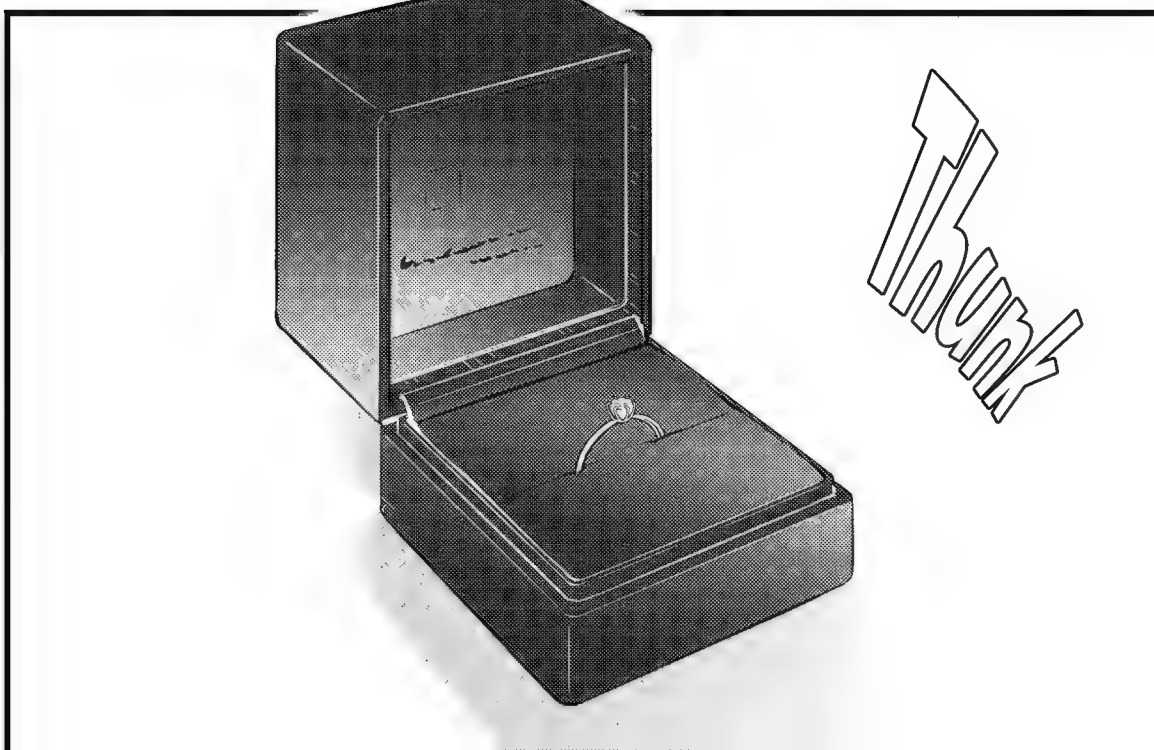
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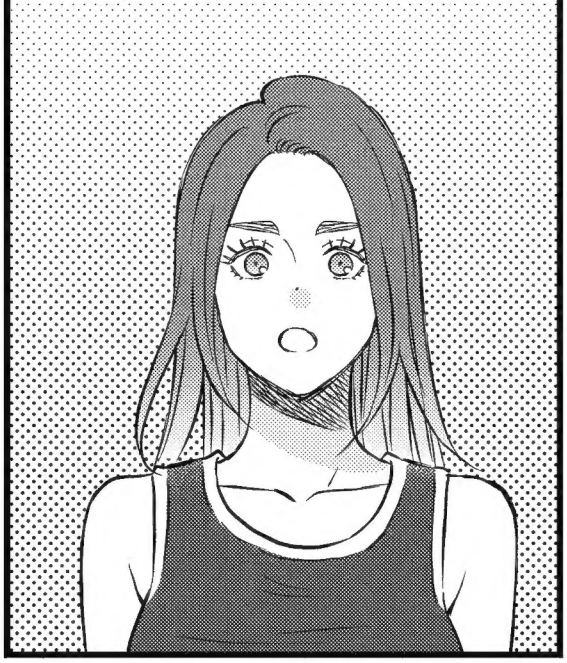
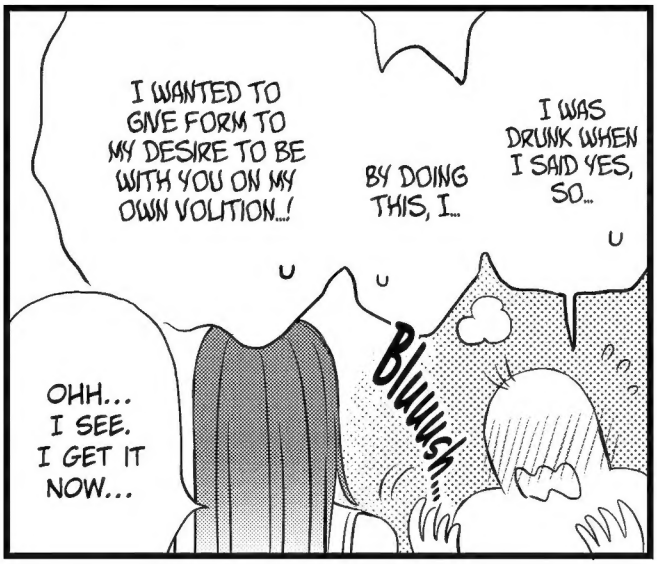
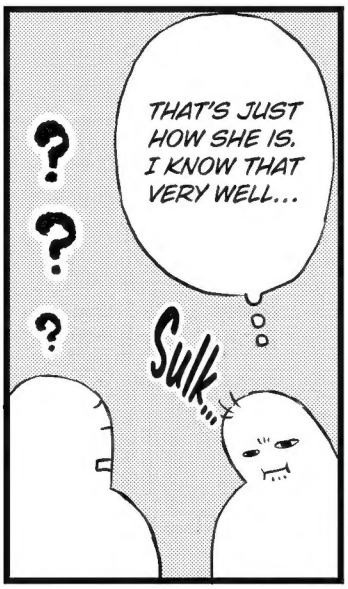
AI-SAN.

WILL YOU MARRY ME?




I WANTED TO GIVE FORM TO MY DESIRE TO BE WITH YOU ON MY OWN VOLITION...!
BY DOING THIS, I...
I WAS DRUNK WHEN I SAID YES, SO...
OHH... I SEE. I GET IT NOW...
Bluuush...

WELL... YES, WE ARE MARRIED, BUT...!
BUT AREN'T WE MARRIED ALREADY?
What do you mean?


THAT'S JUST HOW SHE IS. I KNOW THAT VERY WELL...
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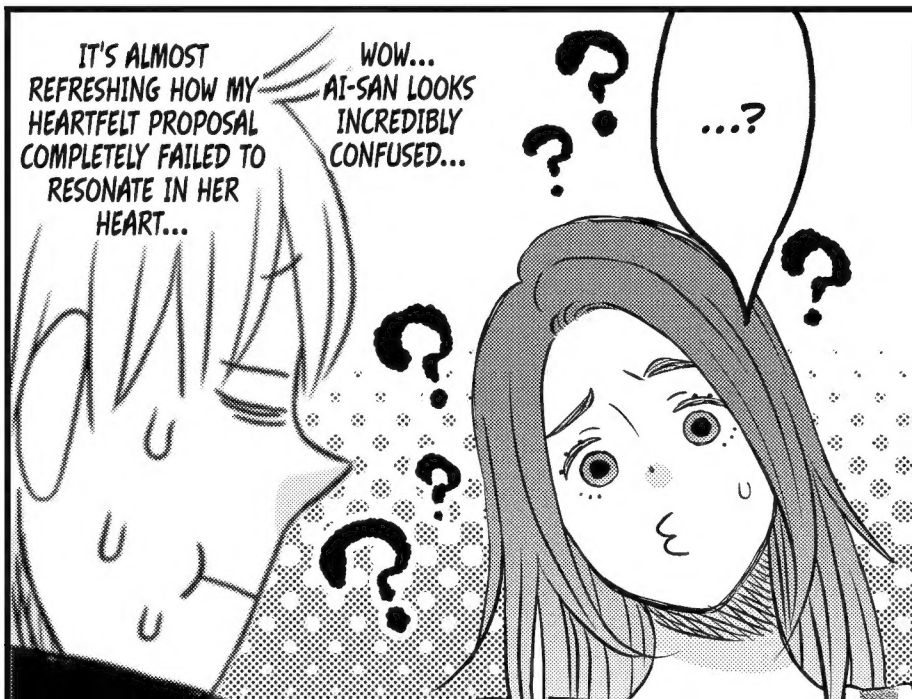
IT'S ALMOST REFRESHING HOW MY HEARTFELT PROPOSAL COMPLETELY FAILED TO RESONATE IN HER HEART...
WOW... AI-SAN LOOKS INCREDIBLY CONFUSED...
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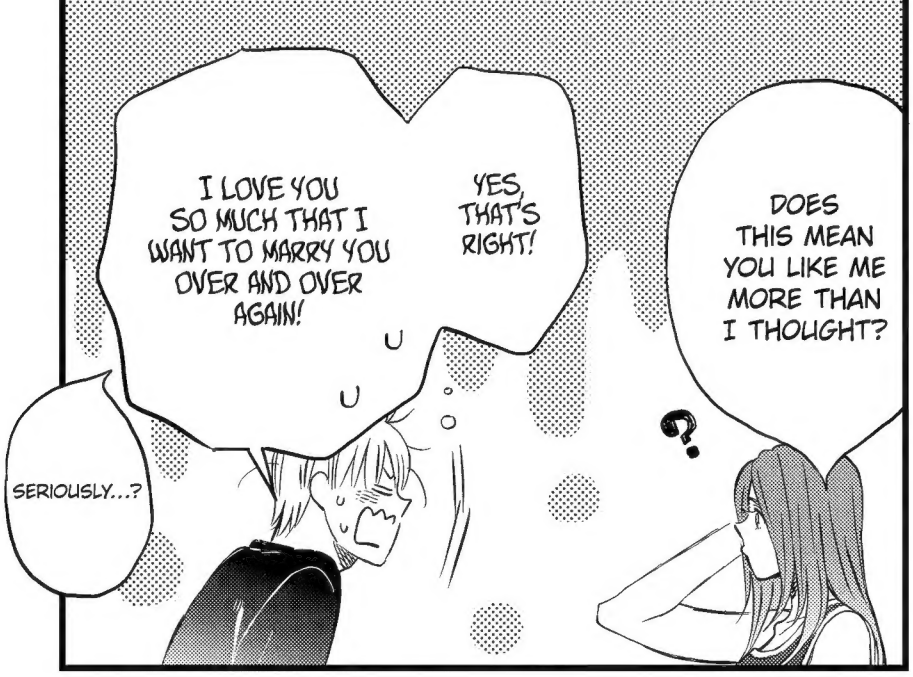
DOES THIS MEAN YOU LIKE ME MORE THAN I THOUGHT?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT!
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH THAT I WANT TO MARRY YOU OVER AND OVER AGAIN!
SERIOUSLY...?

I DON'T QUITE GET IT, BUT...

AND SO, ANOTHER ORDINARY DAY WENT BY IN THE LIFE OF THE KIRISHIMA FAMILY.
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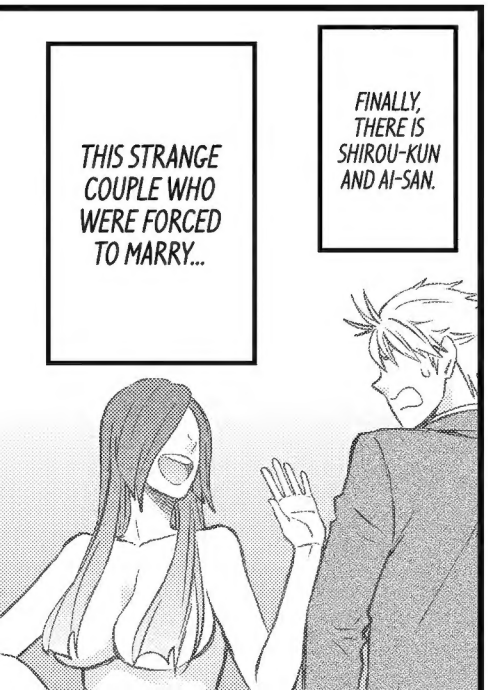
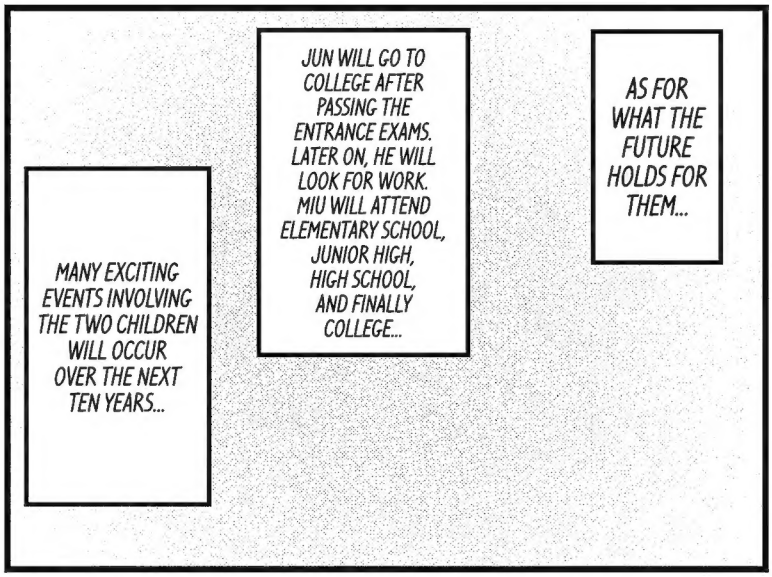
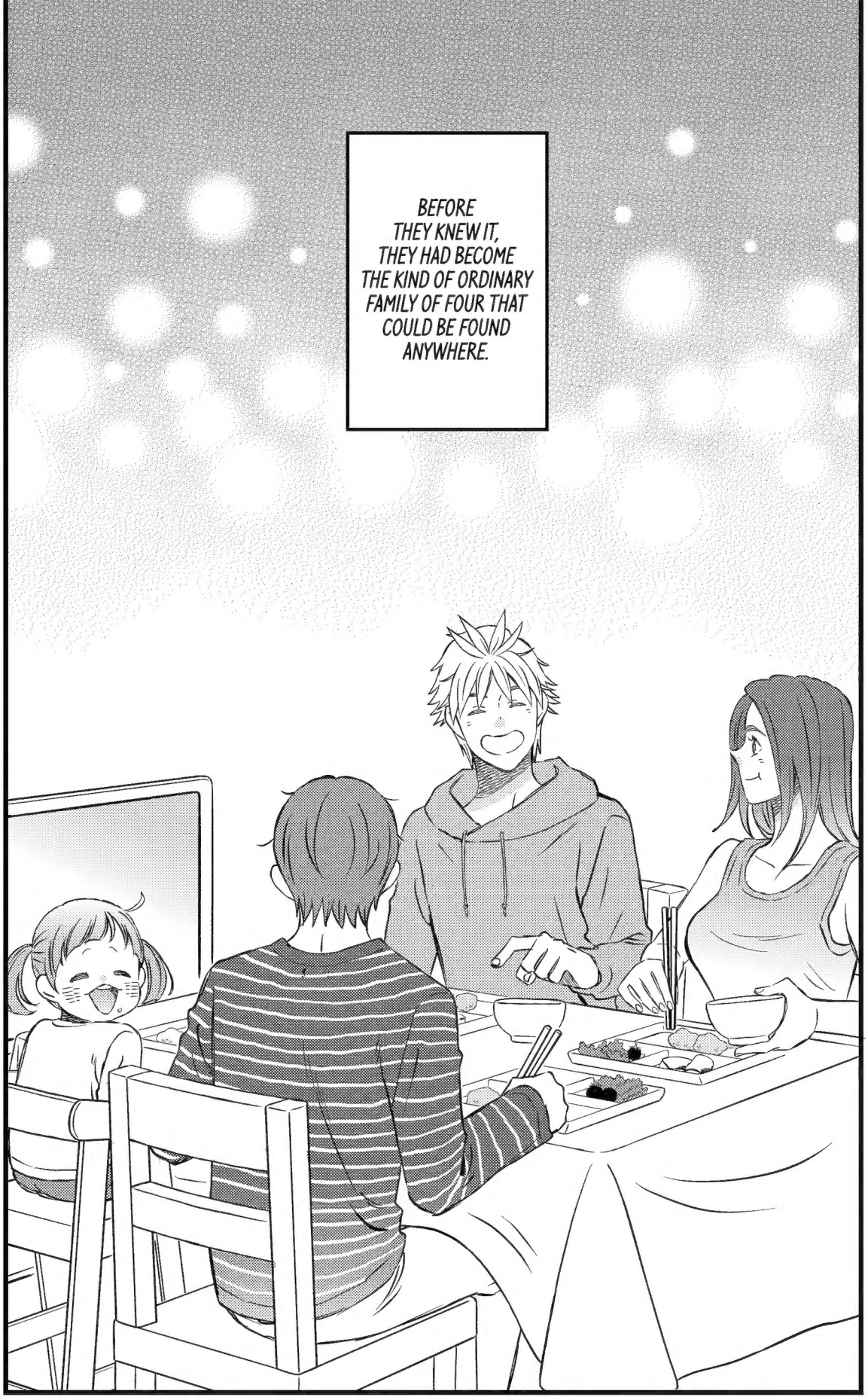
LET'S HAVE SEX!
EVEN THOUGH TODAY IS WEDNESDAY, SINCE MIU IS SLEEPING IN JUN'S ROOM TONIGHT...


THIS STRANGE COUPLE WHO WERE FORCED TO MARRY...
FINALLY, THERE IS SHIROU-KUN AND AI-SAN.


MANY EXCITING EVENTS INVOLVING THE TWO CHILDREN WILL OCCUR OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS...
JUN WILL GO TO COLLEGE AFTER PASSING THE ENTRANCE EXAMS. LATER ON, HE WILL LOOK FOR WORK. MIU WILL ATTEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL, AND FINALLY COLLEGE...
AS FOR WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR THEM...


BEFORE THEY KNEW IT, THEY HAD BECOME THE KIND OF ORDINARY FAMILY OF FOUR THAT COULD BE FOUND ANYWHERE.